

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 5, 2000 (BOS Meeting 3/15/00)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program—
FY2000-2001

Each year Virginia's counties are given an opportunity to participate in the VDOT Revenue Sharing Program, a cooperative state/local program that provides state matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis for local funds devoted to specific roadway improvement projects. There are a few limitations set by VDOT for participation in the program:

- \$500,000 is the maximum amount matched for a single county in a single year unless the statewide allocation exceeds the total amount of funds requested; (for example, last year the County's requests totaled \$500,000 but the actual allocation approved by VDOT was \$483,600).
- Funds can only be used for improvements to state-maintained roads--either existing or to-be-constructed.
- The improvement(s) to which the funds are dedicated must be contained in the current Six-Year Plan (primary or secondary), or the funding must be sufficient to fully fund the improvement in the current year.
- The deadline for the County to notify VDOT of its intent to participate in the FY00-01 program is March 24, 2000.

The Board has funded many projects over the past years at a relatively reasonable cost, including the following:

- Landscaping on Route 17 and Route 171
 - Turn lanes at the intersection of Calthrop Neck Road/ Running Man Trail with Victory Boulevard
 - Turn lanes at the intersection of Big Bethel Road with Victory Boulevard
 - Right turn lane along eastbound lanes of Victory Boulevard and dual left turn lanes along the northbound lanes of Hampton Highway at the intersection of these roads
 - Turn lanes on Goodwin Neck Road at the Central Operations Facility
 - Beachfront stabilization in Yorktown
 - Continuous center turn lane on Merrimac Trail between Carver Gardens and Tam O'Shanter Boulevard
 - Repave certain Yorktown roads with brown stone
 - Improvements to Amory Lane
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Last year's request consisted of eight projects including \$200,000 for an asphalt overlay for the remaining concrete sections of Route 17, \$50,000 for the Routes 17 and 171 landscaping project, \$65,000 for Yorktown street enhancements, \$25,000 for the Burts Road and Grafton Drive realignment and connection project, \$25,000 for the Route 171 widening between Route 17 and Route 134, \$25,000 for landscaping the Mooretown Road and Route 199 interchange, and \$10,000 for upper County route marker replacements. The final \$100,000 project was for design work for the Water Country Parkway and Winchester Road project.

With the funds available to pledge, I recommend that the following prioritized list of projects and amounts be requested under this program:

1. Realign Theatre Road to improve the geometry of the intersection with Route 17. A County contribution of \$100,000 is requested which will be paid for by private developer money.
2. Sidewalk and landscaping improvements along Second Street from the Williamsburg city line to Merrimac Trail. This project was originally listed as a high priority walkway in the 1991 Comprehensive Plan and beautification for the Second Street corridor has been funded in the CIP since 1996. A \$50,000 County match is recommended. (Source: York County CIP project for Second Street Beautification.)
3. Sidewalk and landscaping improvements along Merrimac Trail from the Williamsburg city line to the James-York Plaza shopping center. This is a companion project to the Second Street beautification and sidewalk project with this section of Merrimac Trail also listed as a high priority walkway. A \$30,000 County match is recommended. (Source: York County CIP project for Sidewalk Development Plan.)
4. Richmond Road sidewalk improvements. The Richmond Road sidewalk project is an additional high priority walkway and has been identified as such since 1991. A \$14,000 County match is recommended. (Source: CIP for Sidewalk Development Plan).
5. Routes 17 and 171 Landscaping (\$37,500 contribution). This is a continuation of last year's project, which is currently under construction. The proposed project will continue the landscape installation north along Route 17 from the Route 134 overpass to the Lakeside Drive intersection. (Source: York County CIP project for Route 17 Corridor Improvement.)
6. Route 171 culvert repair and replacement - west of the Route 134 intersection. The project is intended to replace an existing undersized culvert that is restricting the flow of stormwater and impacting the water levels of the lakes in the Tabb Lakes subdivision. A \$55,500 County contribution is proposed. (Source: CIP Project ES-8561, Drainage Improvements Projects).

7. Route F-137 (East Rochambeau Drive) landscaping improvements. This project continues Route 199 corridor landscaping improvements initiated with last year's Route 199/Mooretown Road interchange project. This project would continue the landscaping improvements in the right-of-way between East Rochambeau Drive and Route 199 from the Mooretown Road interchange to the general vicinity of Interstate 64. A \$47,500 County contribution is recommended. (Source: York County CIP Project FS-8745).
8. Yorktown Streetscape Improvements: This project will continue the streetscape improvements, including sidewalks and landscaping, in the Yorktown Village area in accordance with the recommendations of the plan currently being prepared. These funds will be used to supplement the \$165,000 funded in last year's Revenue Sharing project. (Source: York County CIP Project GS-8720, Yorktown Infrastructure, or tourism-designated tax revenues.)

If the program is over-subscribed (i.e., if requests exceed funding statewide), the state share will be reduced on a pro-rata basis. According to VDOT policy, projects are funded from the top down with as many projects dropped off the bottom as necessary to meet funding limits.

As always, the County can reduce the amount at any time before the check for the County's share is sent to VDOT. There is some advantage to slightly over-programming the funds so as to cover some of the expected reduction.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that the Board agree to having Mr. Zaremba sign the attached letter indicating the County's intent to participate in the FY2000-2001 VDOT Revenue Sharing Program in the amount of \$500,000 to be matched dollar-for-dollar by the state.

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Attachments

- Designation of Funds
- Proposed letter to James S. Givens

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